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SUMMARY: UNDER OTHER BUSINESS, COMMITTEE UNDERTOOK PRELIMINARY RE-EXAMINATION OF FOLLOW-UP PROCEDURE. STRONG SUPPORT EXPRESSED FOR THIS FEATURE OF CCMS PROGRAM, BUT DELEGATIONS AGREED THAT IMPROVEMENT IN ORDER. CCMS WILL TAKE SUBJECT UP AGAIN IN SPRING 1974 PLENARY ON BASIS OF DISCUSSION PAPER TO BE PREPARED BY SECRETARIAT. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING DISCUSSION OF AIR POLLUTION PILOT STUDY, FRG REP (MENKE-GLUECKERT) NOTED NEED TO BE SELECTIVE IN FOLLOW-UP. MENKE-GLUECKERT SUGGESTED THAT MOST IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PILOT STUDIES BE SINGLED OUT FOR IMMEDIATE FOLLOW-UP, OTHERS BEING ASSIGNED LOWER PRIORITY.

2. BELGIAN DEL (RENSON) ARGUED THAT PROPER
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FOLLOW-UP APPROACH MAY WELL VARY WITH EACH PILOT STUDY. BELGIUM WISHED TO MAINTAIN AND REINFORCE CCMS FOLLOW-UP, MAKING IT MORE EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT TO PROMOTE NATIONAL ACTION. PRESENT ANNUAL REPORTING

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TECHNIQUE ELICITS SKETCY RESPONSE FROM GOVERNMENTS, ALTHOUGH THEIR FAILURE TO REPORT IS NOT NECESSARILY INDICATIONOF NATIONAL INACTION IN FIELD. BELGIUM FAVORED HOLDINGEXPERTS MEETINGS AT INTERVALS OF 1 1/2 - 2 YEARS TO DEVELOP UPDATED FOLLOW-UP REPORT ON EACH COMPLETED PILOT STUDY. NATO SECRETARIAT COULD PERFORM ADMINISTRATIVE ROLE, BUT PILOT COUNTRY WOULD RETAIN INITIATIVE AND MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY.

3. RENSON ALSO NOTED WITH RESPECT TO OIL SPILLS RESOLUTION THAT THERE WERE REALLY TWO TYPES OF FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS REQUIRED: (A) STIMULUS OF FURTHER INTERNATIONAL ACTION OR AGREEMENT IN OTHER FORA; (B) ADDITIONAL COOPERATION ON SPECIFIC TECHNICAL SUBJECTS.

4. WITH RESPECT TO THE FIRST, RENSON NOTED THAT IMCO WAS IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING A CONVENTION ON MARITIME OIL POLLUTION. HE SUGGESTED THAT, FOLLOWING THIS CONVENTION'S COMPLETION AND COMING INTO EFFECT, THERE WOULD BE NEED TO REVIEW THE OIL SPILLS RESOLUTION GOALS. PERHAPS THE APPROPRIATE WAY TO DEAL WITH THIS WOULD BE TO HAVE A CONFERENCE OF EXPERTS IN 1975 TO REVIEW THE SITUATION. WITH REGARD TO THE SECOND KIND OF FOLLOW-UP, IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO ENGAGE IN FURTHER PILOT STUDIES DESIGNED TO ADVANCE THE STATE OF THE ART IN CONTROLLING OIL POLLUTION RESULTING FROM SHIP OPERATIONS.

5. FINALLY, RENSON SUGGESTED THAT THE MECHANICS OF GETTING COUNTRIES TO MAKE REPORTS ON FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS BE ASSIGNED TO THE NATO SECRETARIAT.

6. CANADIAN DEL (CAMPBELL) EXPRESSED STRONG SUPPORT FOR CCMS FOLLOW-UP AND NOTED CANADA HAS MET ITS OWN OBLIGATIONS IN THIS REGARD. FOLLOW-UP
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SHOULD BE FLEXIBLE AND ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, NOT RESTRICTED TO SINGLE PROCEDURE. CANADIANS, TOO, QUESTIONED EFFICACY OF ANNUAL REPORTS, AND THEY LIKED BELGIAN IDEA OF CONVENING EXPERTS GROUP FRO PURPOSES OF FOLLOW-UP REVIEW. DURATION OF FOLLOW-UP PHASE SHOULD NOT BE OPEN-ENDED. CANADA FAVORED PERHAPS AN INITIAL TWO-YEAR TERM FOR FOLLOW-UP, AT END OF WHICH ALLIED DECISION COULD BE TAKEN WHETHER TO PURSUE MATTER FURTHER. AT THAT TIME EXPERTS COULD HELP DECIDE ON MOST EFFECTIVE FOLLOW-UP PROCEDURES, IF ANY, TO EMPLOY IN COURSE OF REVIEWING AND PERHAPS EVEN ENLARGING ON ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF RESPECTIVE PILOT STUDY.

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7. CANADA ALSO FELT THAT A SECOND COLLOGUIUM
ON OIL SPILLS TO REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1970
CCMS RESOLUTION SHOULD TAKE PLACE. (CAMPBELL
PROMISED HODSOLL A COPY OF CANADA THINK-PIECE
ON THIS SUBJECT WHEN POLISHED.)

8. U.S. DEL (BARNUM) EXPRESSED STRONG SUPPORT
FOR FOLLOW-UP AND AGREED ON NEED RE-EXMAINE
METHODOLOGY. HE SUGGESTED THAT BELGIAN,
CANADIAN, AND OTHER CONSTRUCTIVE ALLIED COMMENTS AT MEETING
COULD SERVEAS STARTING POINT
FOR COLLATION OF ALLIED VIEWS ON SUBJECT BY
SECRETARIAT. THESE IN TURN COULD BE INCORPORATED
BY SECRETARIAT, IN CONSULTATION WITH ALLIED DELS,
IN A DISCUSSION PAPER WHICH COULD PROVIDE BASIS
FOR MORE THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF FOLLOW-UP AT NEXT
PLENARY.

9. CHAIRMAN OZDAS CONCLUDED THAT THE DELEGATIONS
SUPPORTED FOLLOW-UP EFFORTS IN PRINCIPLE AND WISHED
TO STRENGTHEN THIS PROCEDURE AS A DISTINGUISHING
FEATURE OF CCMS. HE REQUESTED SUBMISSION TO
SECRETARIAT OF NATIONAL SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS
BY EARLY JANUARY TO ASSIST IN PREPARATION BY EARLY
FEBRUARY OF PROPOSED PAPER ON THIS SUBJECT.
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